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There have been no discernible changes in the strength and disposition of Soviet ground forces in the Soviet-occupied countries of Europe up to the middle of July 1951. The replacement of trained personnel by recruits was completed during the first half of July 1951. The majority of the divisions continued training at the troop training grounds and at special training sites during the period covered by the report.

GERMANY.Order of Battle.

1. Reports [REDACTED] indicated no changes in the disposition of the Soviet ground forces in Germany up to the middle of July 1951.
2. The following units and rear service installations in the Soviet Zone of Germany, [REDACTED] location, and date of observation, were confirmed between 1 July and 1 August 1951:

a. OWG Units of the Group of Occupation Forces Germany (GOFG).

18th (?) Hw How Arty Brig	[REDACTED]	BRANDENBURG	July
An Arty Div	[REDACTED]	POTSDAM	11 July
A Gun Arty Brig	[REDACTED]	POTSDAM	8 July
6th (?) Gds AAA Div	[REDACTED]	CHREWITZ- AUX area	23 June
32d (?) AAA Div	[REDACTED]	FRANKFURT/ Oder-KUESTLIN area	4 July
An Mgr Regt	[REDACTED]	BERNBURG (?)	11 July

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36th Pon Bridge Regt	ROSSLAU	11 July
53d Central Repair Shop	BERLIN--	11 July
54th Central Repair Shop	OBERSCHOENE--	
123d Tank Repair Shop	WEIDE	
800th Ration Supply Depot	WURZEN	January
820th Ration Supply Depot	MUELLROSE	10 July
Main Clothing Depot	KIRCHHOESER	
A Quartermaster Depot	SATZKORN	12 July
Main Medical Depot	FRANKFURT/	11 July
Main Fuel Supply Depot	Oder	
Main Ordnance Shop	BERNAU	6 July
A Repair Shop	SCHOENEBACK	May
	FUERSTENWALDE	5 July
	VELTEN	15 July
	JESSEN	4 July
	WILDAU	13 July
 b. <u>Eighth Guards Army.</u>		
257th Motor Trans Bn	WEIMAR	7 June
Army Ration Supply Depot	ERFURT--	11 July
Army Repair Shop	MARBACH	
Army Fuel Supply Depot	BURGSTAEDT	13 July
Army Sig Depot	MUENCHEN--	15 July
Hq 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div	BRANDSDORF	
117th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt	BURGSTAEDT	6 June
Hq 20th Gds Mecz Div	RUDOLTADE	21 June
Hq 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div	HEIMINGEN	6 July
172d Gds Mtz Rifle Regt	JENA	6 June
Hq 21st Gds Mecz Div	NAUMBURG	11 June
	GOTHA (?)	17 June
	HALLE	12 July
 c. <u>Third Shock Army.</u>		
Hq 3d Gds AAA Div	MAGDEBURG	16 June
15th Gds Engr Bn	BARBY	29 June

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Annex

<u>Group or Army</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>
	12th Gds Tank Div:	Bulk at the posts (mid-July) Signal battalion absent from NEURUPPIN since the end of April Elements of the artillery, mortar and rocket launcher units in the JUETERBOG area and in JERICHOW (10 July) 205th Engr Bn in the JERICHOW area (?) (11 July)
<u>Third Gds</u> <u>Mecz Army</u>	AAA Div:	Elements at WUSTROW ? (uncon- firmed) Detachments at LETZLING HEATH (23 July)
	14th Gds Mecz Div:	At JUETERBOG (July)
	6th Gds Tank Div:	Bulk at WERDER-MARKENDORF (21 July) Detachments at LETZLING HEATH (23 July)
	7th Gds Tank Div:	Bulk at LETZLING HEATH (29 July) Mortar unit in the AKEN area (14 July)
	9th Mecz Div:	Bulk at WEISSWASSER (9 July) Elements of the 692d How Arty Regt at LIEBEROSE (10 July)
<u>Fourth Gds</u> <u>Mecz Army</u>	AAA Div:	Elements at WUSTROW (15 July)
	6th Gds Mecz Div:	Bulk at TEMPLIN (23 July) Elements of the 22d Gds Engr Bn in the JERICHOW area (?) (12 July) Elements in the RATHENOW area (until early July)
	7th Gds Mecz Div:	Bulk at LIEBEROSE (14 July) Elements of the 122d (?) Gds Engr Bn at TEMPLIN (13 July)

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91st Gds RL Regt	TREBBIN	4 July
Hq 14th Gds Mecz Div	JUSTENBOG	13 July
Hq 6th Gds Tank Div	WITTENBERG	13 July
51st Gds Tank Regt	WITTENBERG	16 June
52d Gds Tank Regt	WITTENBERG	16 June
53d Gds Tank Regt	WITTENBERG	16 June
78th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt	WITTENBERG	16 June
272d Gds Mort Regt	JUSTENBOG	16 June
3d Gds Mtrcl Bn	WITTENBERG	16 June
Hq 7th Gds Tank Div	ROSSLAU	14 June
23d Gds Mtz Rifle Regt	KOETHEN	23 May
Hq 9th Mecz Div	COTTBUS	29 June
69th Mecz Regt	COTTBUS	15 June
91st Tank Regt	LUEBSEN	2 June
80th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt	SPREMBERG	18 June
692d How Arty Regt	COTTBUS	8 June
616th Mort Regt	LUEBSEN (?)	18 June
82d Engr Bn	COTTBUS (?)	2 June

g. Fourth Guards Mechanized Army.

312th Gds RL Regt	BEERSWALDE	6 July
12th Mobile Arty Shop	KRITSCHENDORF	4 July
35th Gds Mecz Regt	BERNAU	4 July
82d Gds Hv Tank SP Regt	BEERSWALDE	15 July
676th How Arty Regt	BERNAU	9 July
34th Tank Tng Bn	BERNAU	4 July
Hq 7th Gds Mecz Div	FUERSTENWALDE	13 July
8th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt	FUERSTENWALDE	22 May
5th Gds Mtrcl Bn	FUERSTENWALDE	20 June
Hq 25th Tank Div	ORANIENBURG	23 June
175th Tank Regt	PRENZLAU	7 July
Hq 10th Gds Tank Div	KUEHNITZ	14 July

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Movements.

3. Both the officer and NCO training schools in the Kriegsschule, POTSDAM, and in DOEBERITZ-OLYMPISCHES DORF were transferred to WUENSDORF during the first half of July 1951. The Kriegsschule in POTSDAM was allegedly to be occupied by KRD officers from Villa Ingenheim, POTSDAM. The unidentified engineer regiment of the GOFG from the Delius Kaserne in POTSDAM moved to BERNBURG on not less than seven trains during the same period of time. Since the unit took all of its equipment, repair shop machinery, wooden barracks sections, and officers' families, it seems as if the regiment has been reassigned to the BERNBURG military post.
4. Information that the SCC Germany in KARLSHORST would move to the DRESDEN-BAD SCHANDAU area, which was received by several sources during the first half of July, has not been substantiated. *

Field Exercises and Training.

5. Division Training.

In general, no essential changes in the occupation of the training grounds took place between mid-June and mid-July 1951. The units continued training at company level and, in some cases, at battalion level at the training grounds and their vicinities. Furthermore, there was intensive basic training of recruits who arrived in the Soviet Zone of Germany in June. Only some of the recruits joined the divisions at the troop training grounds, while the majority were drilled in special training units at the military posts. Night training at the troop training grounds, which began at the end of May, was continued during the period covered by the report. It seems that night exercises were conducted during specific periods of time, apparently one week per month. In addition to regular training of the troops at the training grounds, training outside military reservations was started early this year. Principal subjects of training seem to have been river-crossing exercises involving engineer units. Such exercises, lasting one or two weeks, were continually observed on either side of the Elbe River and in the adjoining hinterland between Dessau and Wittenberge. Specifically, reports on the units at the troop training grounds, and their activity [redacted] indicate the following:

a. Eighth Guards Army Area.CHDRUF.

Elements of both the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div and the 20th Gds Mecz Div, and headquarters units of both the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps and the Eighth Gds Army were confirmed in the training area until mid-July 1951.

[redacted] vehicles of the 13d (Gds) Gun Arty Brig and the 220th Hv Tank SP Regt were also in the Chdruf area at that time.

KINDEL.

Elements of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div and the 21st Gds Mecz Div were [redacted] at Kindel until mid-July 1951.

The training activity of the troops at the CHDRUF and the KINDEL troop training grounds could not be determined.

BAD KOSSEN.

Vehicles of the 21st Gds Mecz Div, loaded with engineer equipment, were observed in the BAD KOSSEN area at the end of June and the beginning of July 1951.

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b. Third Shock Army Area.

Letzling Heath.

The 19th Gds Mecz Div, the 207th Mtz Rifle Div, and the 7th and 10th Gds Tank Divs were confirmed at Letzling Heath during the second half of July 1951. In addition, [redacted]

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[redacted] detachments of the following units were at Letzling Heath at the same time: 6th Arty Div of the GORC; 13th AAA Div and headquarters signal regiment of the Eighth Gds Army; headquarters units of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps, 18th Mecz Div and 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div of the Third Shock Army; 6th Gds Tank Div and AAA division of the Third Gds Mecz Army; and 7th Gds Mecz Div of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army. Individual vehicles of the 8th Gds Mecz Div were observed only at the beginning of July. [redacted]

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[redacted] from Letzling Heath, vehicles of the 14th Gds Mecz Div and the 136th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the Third Shock Army were there at the beginning of June; vehicles of headquarters units of the Third Gds Mecz Army and the 31st AAA Div in mid-June; and vehicles of the 6th Gds Mecz Div and the AAA division of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army at the end of June. Hence, it appears that there have been no changes in the disposition of units at Letzling Heath. This is supported by the fact that only minor movements were observed in the area during the period covered by the report. The troops at Letzling Heath are quartered in cantonments in the BORN-PLANSEN area and south of the UCHTSRINGE-JAEVENTZ railroad line; and in numerous tent camps in the HALLENS-LEBEN-LUTZLINGEN and the COLBITZ areas. Field exercises observed in the northern portion of Letzling Heath during the second half of July included one exercise in which major components of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div, and, possibly, also elements of the 19th Gds Mecz Div seemed to have participated.

BITTKAU.

Camp BITTKAU quartered an estimated 1,200 engineer troops in mid-July 1951. Both army headquarters and corps headquarters engineer units of the Third Shock Army were confirmed there [redacted]

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[redacted] time in late June and mid-July 1951, it is believed that components of the regiment moved to BITTKAU in June 1951.

The units of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, which left SCHMERIN at the beginning of May, had not returned to their post by mid-July 1951. They were possibly still in the GRUVITZ area, east of SCHMERIN. *

c. First Guards Mechanized Army Area.

Reports obtained from the KOENIGSBRUECK troop training grounds [redacted] only vaguely confirm the divisions of the First Gds Mecz Army there until June. However, information from the military posts in the army billeting area indicates that no changes in the occupation of the troop training grounds occurred up to the beginning of July 1951. *

d. Second Guards Mechanized Army Area.

Most of the 10th Mecz Div was at the Wittstock troop training grounds on 23 July 1951. The troops were quartered in a large cantonment east of SCHMERIN and in several tent camps at the troop training

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grounds. Components of the mechanized regiment were engaged in training at company level outside the training grounds while, simultaneously, tank units, practiced at battalion level in the training area. Elements of the division's AAA regiment practiced firing at towed-sleeve targets.

Most of the 9th and 12th Gds Tank Divs and of the 1st Mecz Div were still confirmed at their posts until mid-July 1951. Elements of the divisions moved to the area of JERICHOV on the Elbe River and to the JUTERBOG area for special training in mid-July 1951. Troops of the AT artillery brigade and the rocket launcher regiment of the Second Gds Mecz Army, which remained at their quarters in the restricted Weisse Stadt area in ORANIENBURG until early July departed aboard 6 trains between 11 and 20 July, possibly going to JUTERBOG and/or JERICHOV.

c. Third Guards Mechanized Army Area.

WEIDER-MARKENDORF and JUTERBOG.

Elements of the 6th Gds Tank Div were confirmed at Camp WEIDER-MARKENDORF until 21 July 1951. A bulletin board at the division headquarters indicated that, in mid-June, eight component units of the division were at the camp. These included the four tank regiments, the 272d Gds Mort Regt, and the 3d Gds Mtrcl Bn. However, it is fairly definitely believed that at least components of both the 22d (?) Gds Mtz Rifle Regt and the 385th Gds Arty Regt or Bn were also in the camp. In the mornings during the first half of July, the troops left the camp on foot for field training, and most of the wheeled vehicles were on blocks. In the afternoons, training was conducted inside the camp. Occasionally, troops, including tank troops, trained at night. Vehicles of the 7th Gds Tank Div, the 25th Tank Div, the 10th Gds Tank Div, and headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army were seen in the JUTERBOG area at the end of June; and rocket launchers of the rocket launcher regiment of the Second Gds Mecz Army in mid-July 1951. Two troop trains left JUTERBOG on 21 July, with one going to LIBERROSE and the other to WEISSWASSER. They may have carried units from military posts and troop training grounds of the Third and Fourth Gds Mecz Armies, which had moved to JUTERBOG at the end of May and, apparently, returned about 21 July 1951. *

WEISSWASSER.

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Several reports stating that upwards of 15,000 troops were at the WEISSWASSER troop training grounds also indicated the possibility that more than one mechanized division may have been there. However, this hypothesis is not supported by reports on incoming and outgoing troop shipments and is even refuted, inasmuch as [redacted]

[redacted] the troops in Camp WEISSWASSER had come from the COTTBUS-LUEBBEN-SPREMBERG area, i.e. the billeting area of the 9th Mecz Div. It is therefore believed that the estimates of the number of troops at WEISSWASSER were exaggerated, but that small detachments of units from Polish-occupied Germany may have temporarily participated in exercises of the 9th Mecz Div. It is doubted, however, that a whole division of the Northern Group of Forces should have practiced at WEISSWASSER

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at the end of June 1951. Reports of early July also mentioned exclusively motor vehicles of the 9th Mecz Div in the training area and on trains unloaded at the WEISSWASSER railroad station.

f. Fourth Guards Mechanized Army Area.

TEMPLIN.

Elements of both the 25th Tank Div and the 6th Gds Mecz Div and headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army were confirmed at Camps VOGELSANG and HAIRFELSPRING at the TEMPLIN troop training grounds up to the end of July 1951. In general, the troops there were engaged in small-scale exercises at the restricted troop training grounds and south as far as the KRENNICK-EXIN area. Recruits trained in the camps. Training was shifted to the night the fourth week of each month. Several units, including engineer units, returned to TEMPLIN and the military posts of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army from the RATHENOW area between 5 and 22 July 1951. The troops and materiel which detrained, included an engineer unit of the 7th Gds Mecz Div and vehicles of the 10th Gds Tank Div. See also paragraph 6c. Engineer units from the TEMPLIN area and from posts of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army were shipped by rail to the area south of JERICHO in mid-July 1951. See also paragraph 6d.

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LIEBEROSE.

The LIEBEROSE troop training grounds was still occupied by elements of the 7th Gds Mecz Div up to the middle of July 1951. Components of the 692d How Arty Regt and of the 9th Mecz Div arrived at Camp LIEBER-ROSE on 10 July and probably departed again after staying for one week. Five rocket launchers of the 312th Gds RL Regt of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army were entrained at LIEBEROSE for shipment toward FRANKFURT/Oder on 19 July 1951. Night exercises, as observed during the second half of May 1951, were continued at regular intervals up to July 1951. Advanced combat practice firing was held by individual tanks in the LIEBKOW-TAUER area with four to six tanks practicing at one time. **

6. Special Exercises.

- a. Units [redacted] at the WUSTROW AAA range until the middle of July 1951 included: elements of the 2d Gdr AAA Div, the 6th (?) Gds AAA Div of the GOFG, the 3d Gds AAA Div, and the AAA division of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army. Reports on rail movements fairly definitely indicate that elements of the 32d (?) AAA Div, the 4th Gds AAA Div, and the unidentified AAA unit from PARCHIM were also on the WUSTROW Peninsula at that time. The presence there of units of still other divisions of the GOFG and the armies is probable. According to reports of the middle of July, the units went to the WUSTROW AAA range for four-week training cycles. The information seems true in view of the intensive movements of AAA units in the Soviet Zone of Germany. The units at WUSTROW were allegedly engaged in practice firing at towed-sleeve targets only once a week during the period covered by the report.

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[redacted]
other motor vehicles seen at ALTENGRABOW in the middle and at the end of June belong to the 6th (?) Gds AAA Div, the 4th AT Arty Brig of the IV Arty Corps from JUTERBOG, the 43d (Gds) Gun Arty Brig of the Eighth Gds Army, the AT artillery brigade of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps, the 18th Mecz Div, the 31st AAA Div, and headquarters units of the Second Gds Mecz Army. The 30th Gds Gun Arty Brig of the unidentified artillery division from POTSDAM was still at its quarters in the Delius Kaserne in POTSDAM on 18 July 1951. However, since a large advance party of the unit left POTSDAM for ALTENGRABOW on 5 July, the unit is expected to move out soon. An exchange of personnel and vehicles belonging to the brigades of the 6th Arty Div was observed between the RATHENOW military post and the ALTENGRABOW troop training grounds in the middle of July.

- c. At the end of June and during the first half of July 1951, exercises are believed to have been conducted in the SCHOENHAUSEN-RATHENOW-GROSSEHNITZ-PRITZERBE area.

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[redacted] components of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army and the 19th Gds Mecz Div participated in these exercises. As several engineer units were seen departing from this area, it is believed that the problems included a river-crossing exercise over the Elbe River south of STENDAL.

- d. Engineer units of the Second and Fourth Gds Mecz Armies were entrained at the military posts and the TEMPLIN training area for shipment to the area south of JERICHOW in the middle of July 1951. No information has been obtained regarding the purpose and duration of the exercise there or of the strength of the units involved.
- e. The construction of engineer units in the JERICHOW area was simultaneous to the arrival, in the AKEN area, of engineer units of the Eighth Gds Army and its two corps, the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, and the 21st Gds Mecz Div. It is possible that engineer exercises were to be held there, but on a smaller scale than that of the exercises during the first half of May 1951.
- f. Air landing exercises by infantry units of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div were conducted between the airfields of ALTENBURG and DRESDEN-KLOTZSCHE at the end of June and the beginning of July 1951, with the troops riding in gliders. This is the first time that the division has been employed in such exercises. During preceding years, only elements of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div performed air transport exercises.
- g. [redacted] reported troop movements from east to west in the GOERLITZ area at the beginning of July 1951. Their identity and destination could not be determined. Since, according to unsubstantiated rumors, a large troop camp has been established in the NIESKY area, it is possible that the troops may have moved to that camp.

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they returned from the east. The other nine trains which were not observed when returning from the east, are fairly definitely believed to have brought recruits to the Soviet Zone of Germany. The number of incoming trains with recruits may have again increased by trains which were confirmed as having departed eastwards, but were not identified when returning to the Soviet Zone of Germany. Since it is doubted that these six trains should have returned empty, they are believed to have brought total of incoming trains with recruits to 53. Assuming that each train carried from 1,200 to 1,400 men, the total number of recruits who arrived in the Soviet Zone of Germany between 1 June and 1 July 1951 is estimated at 63,000 to 74,000. The fact that the east-bound trains were sometimes loaded with soldiers and sometimes empty excludes a similar computation of the number of discharges. However, it is believed that the number of discharges was equal to at least 50 percent of the incoming recruits. No trains carrying either recruits or discharges have been observed in KUESTRIN since 2 July 1951. However, reports from FRANKFURT/Oder have been conflicting. [] reporting from there claimed to have seen no shipments of personnel, both westbound and eastbound, since about 1 July, whereas [] trains with personnel arrived from the east every night up to 17 July at a rate of one train per night. [] specified that the trains, [] were picked up by shunting locomotives east of the Oder river and hauled to Camps GRONENFELDE and MUIINEN in the western sector of FRANKFURT/Oder, where the incoming personnel stayed for several days and subsequently left aboard regular trains for military posts in the Soviet Zone of Germany, primarily toward SCHMERIN. Since reports from SCHMERIN and STENDAL mention the arrival of small shipments of recruits up to about 20 July, it appears possible that recruits may have actually arrived at FRANKFURT/Oder on some trains during the first half of July. It is doubted, however, that they should have arrived there at a rate of one trainload per night from 1 to 17 July.

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8. Officers continued to arrive at FRANKFURT/Oder aboard leave trains and the Blue Express until the first half of July 1951 with the result that, for example, the officer corps of the 175th Tank Regt of the 25th Tank Div, which is at TEMPLIN at present, reportedly increased from 150 to 180 officers.
9. Leave traffic through FRANKFURT/Oder in both directions decreased during the period from 1 June to 18 July 1951. Some troop units have canceled furloughs for their personnel since about 1 July. But in spite of this, a second pair of leave trains ran in both directions on the FRANKFURT/Oder-BREST-LITOVSK line every third day up to the middle of July.

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Transportation.

12. The traffic situation of the Soviet Zone Railroads has remained virtually constant compared with the previous month. However, the backlog of loaded cars increased, and as many as 2,218 loaded railroad cars were awaiting dispatch on 2 July. Of these 2,114 cars were consigned to the East and the Baltic Sea ports. The backlog was probably due to late acceptance on the part of the Polish railroad authorities.

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13. The coal stocks (in metric tons) of the Soviet Zone Railroads on 2 July amounted to: 125,679 tons of hard coal, 17,943 tons of raw brown coal, 75,090 tons of brown coal briquettes, 2,204 tons of coke, and 186 tons of coal dust. That is a total of 221,102 tons which was increased by about 54,000 tons as compared to the previous month and constituted about 13 days' supply.

14. The park of operational cars amounted to about 75,000 units on 2 July and is still below the intended target of 80,000 cars. An average of 23,000 to 25,000 cars, including from 300 to 700 cars required by the Soviet occupation power, were loaded daily.

15. On 31 May, the following locomotives were available in the Soviet Zone of Germany:

Type of Locomotive	Park of Operational Locomotives			Unservice- able Loco- motives	Grand Total
	Serviceable	Under Repair or Awaiting Repair	Total		
German locomotives (burning coal dust)	3,148 (13)	1,619 (32)	4,767 (45)	764 (-)	5,531 (45)
Column locomotives	323	53	376	-	376
Foreign-owned locomotives	23	5	28	1,069	1,097
Narrow-gauge locomotives	147	56	203	6	209
Total	3,641	1,733	5,374	1,839	7,213

Compared with the status of 1 April 1951, the stock of locomotives of the Soviet Zone Railroads has increased by 11 units, while the number of serviceable locomotives decreased by 107 units, which is indicative of a deterioration of the repair situation. The scrapping of locomotives has been allegedly stopped, by Soviet order, since late June.

16. No new information has been received on the park of serviceable freight cars. On 31 May 1951, 7,802 freight cars and 1,092 passenger coaches were reported as being in need of repair. The return of German freight cars from the U.S.S.R. continued.

17. A total of 376 column locomotives are available in the Soviet Zone of Germany. Locomotive Columns [] with about 120 locomotives are still active and stationed in FRANKFURT/Oder. Locomotive Columns [] with about 60 locomotives are also active and stationed in COTTBUS and HIGERSWERDA respectively. A total of 173 locomotives of deactivated Locomotive Columns [] are being kept cold at various railroad stations. Twenty-three express-train locomotives were reassigned to Soviet Locomotive Column [] for military passenger traffic between the Soviet Zone of Germany and BREST LITOVSK, U.S.S.R. The only change observed in the locomotive columns was the transfer of Locomotive Column [] from RUEDNITZ to the DRESDEN area. This transfer may have been only a temporary measure in connection with the 1951 International Youth Festival in BERLIN. It appears that locomotive columns in the FRANKFURT/Oder area were employed at an increased rate during the period from 22 June to 16 July 1951, apparently because of a step-up in freight traffic rather than troop movements. During the period from 27 June to the end of the International Youth Festival, furloughs were cancelled for all personnel operating column locomotives.

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18. Principal construction projects:

- a. The plans for the construction of a second track on the single-track FRANKFURT/Oder-REPPEN and KUESTRIN-STRAUSBERG railroad lines also provides for the construction of a second track on the Oder River bridges at FRANKFURT/Oder and KUESTRIN.
- b. The NEUBUKOW railroad station on the ROSTOCK-WISMAR railroad line is being improved. It serves as detraining point for the WUSTROW AAA range.
- c. To establish better railroad connection for the Foundry Combine East under construction in the FUERSTENBERG/Oder area and to relieve the FRANKFURT/Oder-BERLIN trunk line, a new railroad line between BRUNOW and ZILTENDORF is planned. In connection with this project, the ZILTENDORF freight yards requires improvement. The FRANKFURT/Oder-FUERSTENBERG railroad line is scheduled to be reconstructed as a double-track line in the fall of 1951.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.General.

19. [redacted] a Soviet AAA division is carried in Hungary. On the whole, no essential changes were discernible in the disposition of Soviet ground forces in the Soviet Zone of Austria and in Hungary up to the middle of July 1951.
20. The Hq 13th Gds Mecz Div [redacted] was confirmed until 22 July 1951.

Organization.

21. The subordination of the 2d Gds Mecz Div, in the area southeast of BUDAPEST, to the Hq Central Group of Forces in BADEN near VIENNA [redacted] was definitely confirmed by a document of August 1950. 25X1
22. The observation of AAA units arriving at, and departing from, the APETLON AAA range since the beginning of June 1951 [redacted] indicated that, in addition to the 23d AAA Div in Austria, another AAA division must be stationed in Hungary, probably subordinate to the Central Group of Forces. 25X1

Transfer of Units.

23. After being vacated by Soviet Air Force units, the troop quarters in EISENSTADT were reoccupied by elements of the 95th Gds Itz Rifle Div, possibly the 28th Gds Itz Rifle Regt, from BAD FISCHAU at the beginning of July 1951. At the same time, the barracks installation in KAISER-EBERSDORF was vacated by a component of the 13th Gds Mecz Div and turned over to the Austrian Federal Government.
24. According to an unsubstantiated report, the Hq 13th Gds Mecz Div departed from VIENNA between 16 and 22 July 1951. Its vehicles were seen driving toward BADEN and SCHWENCHAT. It has not been determined whether the headquarters was reassigned to another post.

Training.

25. It was not observed that entire divisions moved to the troop training grounds in the Soviet Zone of Austria during the period from the middle

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of June to the middle of July 1951. * Instead, there have been indications that the elements of the divisions stationed in Austria were rotated to the DOELLERSHEIM troop training grounds for summer training. During the period covered by the report, no reports were received from Hungary that would confirm previous indications that the 2d and 17th Gds Mecz Divs stationed there have been at troop training grounds since the late spring of 1951. The AAA units located in the Austria and Hungary area have been rotating to the APETLON AAA range east of Neusiedl Lake. In detail, the following information was obtained on Soviet troops at the training grounds in Austria.

DOELLERSHEIM.

In contrast to the situation in 1950, there was still only a little vehicular traffic at the GOEPFRITZ and ALLENTSTEIG railroad stations up to about 20 July 1951. Most of the vehicles [redacted] belonged to the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div and the rest to the 13th Gds Mecz Div. An element of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div returned to MAUER-OEHLING from GOEPFRITZ by rail at the end of June 1951. An exchange of units of the same division took place between MISENSTADT and DOELLERSHEIM in the middle of July 1951. The 46th Gds Mecz Regt of the 13th Gds Mecz Div, which moved from KLOSTER-NEUBURG to DOELLERSHEIM about 20 June 1951, was probably still at the troop training grounds in the middle of July 1951. German residents living near the troop training grounds confirmed that units only were rotating there for summer training this year.

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From the beginning of June to the end of July 1951, elements of the AAA units stationed in Austria and Hungary went to the APETLON AAA range for two-week training cycles during which they practiced firing at towed sleeve targets.

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[redacted] A total of about 650 vehicles belonging to AAA units were [redacted] at APETLON between the beginning of June and the middle of July 1951. About 400 to 420 of these vehicles belong to the 23d AAA Div, the three AAA regiments of the mechanized divisions and the AAA battalion of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. The remaining 200 to 250 motor vehicles, which arrived from the direction of Hungary, may belong to a hitherto unidentified AAA division in Hungary.

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Personnel.

26. The observation of a train with soldiers en route from ST. POELTEN to MISENSTADT in the middle of June 1951 leads to the conclusion that, similar to the procedure in the Soviet Zone of Germany, a replacement of personnel also occurred with the divisions of the Central Group of Forces in June 1951.

POLAND.

27. German resettlers confirmed Soviet troops in STETTIN and BELGARD, Pomerania, and in LIGNITZ, OPPELN and SCHNEIDNITZ, Silesia. Soviet signal-communications detachments were simultaneously confirmed on the WARSAW-POZNAN-BERLIN and WARSAW-LODZ telephone trunk lines.

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28. According to statements by two PWs/

a 28th Tank Div was stationed in the area of TILSIT, Baltic ID, in 1947 and 1948. Elements of the division were said to have been located in GUMBINNEN. The division could not have originated from a XXVIII Tank Corps, which existed at the beginning of World War II but was designated as the IV Mecz Corps in October 1942. No other Tank Corps was identified prior to the end of the war. However, since the 28th Tank Div has been mentioned by two PWs, its existence is given credence.

** Comment. For present location of Soviet divisions in the Soviet Zone of Germany, see Annex.

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Annex

Present Location of Soviet Divisions in the Soviet Zone
of Germany.

(The date in parenthesis is the last date of confirmation)

<u>Group or Army</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>
<u>GORG</u>	6th Arty Div (excluding the 18th (?) Hv How Arty Brig in BRANDENBURG):	Bulk at ALTENGRABOW (27 June) Detachments at LETZLING HEATH (23 July)
	Artillery division in POTSDAM:	One brigade at ALTENGRABOW (27 June)
		30th Gds Gun Arty Brig in POTSDAM (18 July)
	2d Gds AAA Div:	Bulk at WUSTROW (15 July)
	6th (?) Gds AAA Div:	Elements at WUSTROW (15 July)
	32d (?) AAA Div:	Elements at WUSTROW (15 July)
<u>Eighth Gds Army</u>	13th AAA Div:	Elements at WUSTROW (24 July) Detachments at LETZLING HEATH (mid-July)
	39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div:	Bulk at OHRDRUF (14 July) Elements engaged in air-landing exercises between ALTENBURG and DRESDEN (late June and early July)
	20th Gds Mecz Div:	At OHRDRUF (14 July)
	57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div:	Bulk at KINDEL (19 July) Engineer battalion in the AKEN area (14 July)
	21st Gds Mecz Div:	Bulk at KINDEL (19 July) Elements, including the engin- eer battalion, in BAD KUESEN (until 10 July), and the AKEN area (14 July)

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<u>Group or Army</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>
<u>Third Shock Army</u>	3d Gds AAA Div:	Elements at WUSTROW (15 July) Detachments at LETZLING HEATH (6 July)
	94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div:	Elements at the posts (22 July) Detachments at LETZLING HEATH (about 20 July)
	18 Mecz Div:	Bulk at WITTSTOCK (23 July) Detachments at LETZLING HEATH (about 20 July)
	207th Mtz Rifle Div:	Rotating to LETZLING HEATH and at the posts (22 July)
	19th Gds Mecz Div:	Rotating to LETZLING HEATH and at the posts (20 July)
<u>First Gds Mecz Army</u>	4th Gds AAA Div:	Elements at WUSTROW (3 July)
	8th Gds Mecz Div)	
	9th Tank Div): 11th Gds Tank Div)	Bulk at KOENIGSBRUECK (June)
<u>Second Gds Mecz Army</u>	31st AAA Div:	Elements at WUSTROW (unconfirmed)
	1st Mecz Div:	Bulk at DOEBERITZ (mid-July)
		18 (?) Engr Bn in the area of JERICHOW (12 July)
		1 shipment of troops in the area of LUCKENWALDE from 24 to 28 June
	9th Gds Tank Div:	Bulk at the posts (mid-July) 1 shipment of troops in the area of LUCKENWALDE from 30 June to 5 July
	90th Gds Engr Bn in the JERICHOW area (13 July)	
	Elements of the 33d Gds Mtz Rifle Regt from PASEWALK at NEUSTRELITZ (16 July)	

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Location

12th Gds Tank Div:

Bulk at the posts (mid-July)
Signal battalion absent from
NEURUPPIN since the end of April

Elements of the artillery,
mortar and rocket launcher
units in the JUETERBOG area
and in JERICHOW (10 July)

205th Engr Bn in the JERICHOW
area (?) (11 July)

Third Gds
Mecz Army

AAA Div:

Elements at WUSTROW ? (uncon-
firmed)

Detachments at LETZLING HEATH
(23 July)

14th Gds Mecz Div:

At JUETERBOG (July)

6th Gds Tank Div:

Bulk at WERDER-MARKENDORF
(21 July)
Detachments at LETZLING HEATH
(23 July)

7th Gds Tank Div:

Bulk at LETZLING HEATH (29 July)
Mortar unit in the AKEN area
(14 July)

9th Mecz Div:

Bulk at WEISSWASSER (9 July)
Elements of the 692d How Arty
Regt at LIEBEROSE (10 July)

Fourth Gds
Mecz Army

AAA Div:

Elements at WUSTROW (15 July)

6th Gds Mecz Div:

Bulk at TEMPLIN (23 July)

Elements of the 22d Gds Engr Bn
in the JERICHOW area (?)
(12 July)

Elements in the RATHENOW area
(until early July)

7th Gds Mecz Div:

Bulk at LIEBEROSE (14 July)
Elements of the 122d (?) Gds
Engr Bn at TEMPLIN (13 July)

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Unit

Location

Elements in the RATHENOW area
(until early July)

25th Tank Div:

Bulk at TEMPLIN (23 July)
Elements of the 194th Engr Bn
in the JERICHO area (13 July)
Elements in the RATHENOW area
(until early July)

10th Gds Tank Div:

Bulk at LETZLING HEATH (10 July)
Two shipments of troops going
to the BERNAU area (30 June)
Individual motor vehicles in
the TEMPLIN area (11 July)

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